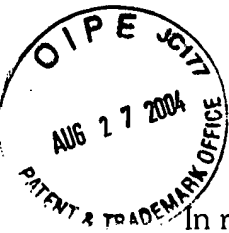


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Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the status of the above identified application, including an indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

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